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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Hillsborough,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1st, 1877.

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SELECTMENS' REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

Edgar Hazen, for services as auditors,	\$14.00
Childs Brothers, boarding auditors, selectmen, and horse keeping,	35.00
Nathaniel Wood, damage to plow on road,	2.00
James P. Chase & Co., advertising school laws, print- ing blanks, and town reports,	94.70
Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	18.17
John Goodell, return of births and deaths,	5.00
A. C. Burnham, " "	5.00
Mrs. F. L. Wall, expense of stage and passengers de- tained by snow blockade,	4.00
Brooks K. Webber, attorneys fees,	10.00
George H. Pritchard, carrying mail to Centre,	3.75
Sylvester Atwood, abatement of over tax,	1.80
Osman B. Huntley, lumber and labor on bridge in District No. 14,	41.22
Edwin H. Chase, labor and lumber in repairing high- way and bridge in District No. 13,	22.26
William Merrill, shingles and repairing covered bridge in District No. 3,	61.84
Charles H. Chase, repairing highway,	7.75
Nathaniel Wood, " "	2.25
R. E. Loveren, labor, stone and iron in repairing arch bridge,	50.63
Wm. E. Farley, repairing highway,	26.82
Edgar B. Whipple, " "	2.25
Wm. H. Manahan, plank for bridge District No. 10,	5.63
O. B. Huntley, repairing highway " " 14,	1.80

Thomas A. B. Young, plank for bridge, “ “ 6,	7.32
Harvey L. White, plank for bridge, “ “ 4,	20.58
Albert Gay, labor on highway, “ “ 6,	9.00
Imri Davis, “ “ “ 19,	7.20
Edwin H. Chase, labor on highway, “ “ “	1.05
Mrs. Fred L. Wall, sluice timbers,	1.00
G. G. Spaulding, damage to sleigh,	5.00
Charles Knott, lettering guide-boards,	18.17
Gilman Murdough, damage to sheep by dogs,	5.00
Wm. Merrill, “ “ “	23.50
C. H. McColley, “ “ “	6.00
Amos Colby, “ “ “	10.00
George E. Hoit, “ “ “	10.00
George Hazen, “ “ “	56.00
O. B. Huntly, “ “ “	9.00
C. Cooledge, “ “ “	7.00
Nathan E. Farrar, plank for bridge,	1.50
R. D. Warde, labor on highway,	7.65
John P. Gibson, widening and repairing highway in District No. 11,	232.39
C. W. Sturtevant, labor on highway in District No. 20,	19.00
Alden P. Farrar, abatement of over tax,	1.80
R. E. Loveren, making guide-boards and plank for bridge in District No. 1,	15.41
Wm. B. Whittemore, services as collector of taxes,	75.00
Wm. B. Whittemore, “ town clerk,	40.00
Wm. B. Whittemore, stationery, express and postage,	3.58
Wm. B. Whittemore, notifying jury meetings and jurors drawn,	7.50
Wm. B. Whittemore, recording marriages, births and deaths,	15.75
Clarence P. Colby, damage to sleigh,	5.50
C. Cooledge, boarding selectmen, horse keeping and cash paid for stationery,	62.90
Frank A. Buttrick, repairing sluice,	3.00
Martha A. Foster, abatement of over tax in 1874,	1.25
S. A. Brown, repairing highway in Dist. Nos. 6 & 8,	8.75

John C. Campbell, services as treasurer,	75.00
B. K. Webber, " S. S. committee,	90.25
F. J. Bickford, " " "	40.00
F. W. Gould, damage to sleigh,	5.00
Henry J. Clark, cash paid police,	24.00
" " repairing highway and culvert, in District No. 2,	26.05
" " repairing highway in Dist. No. 33,	4.50
George O. Kelom, " " " " 18,	3.00
W. H. Manahan, damage to sleigh,	2.50
Wm. B. Whittemore, non-resident highway tax worked out,	59.62
George H. Stewart, abatement of over tax,	9.00
C. A. Blanchard, cedar posts for guide-boards,	7.50
John P. Gibson, amount paid for support of watering troughs,	16.50
C. Cooledge, services as selectman,	149.00
" " cash paid expenses,	34.80
Henry J. Clark, services as selectman,	132.50
" " cash paid expenses,	15.55
John P. Gibson, services as selectman,	121.00
" " cash paid expenses,	8.75
Wm. B. Whittemore, cash, taxes assessed 1875, abated,	47.10
J. C. Campbell, town bonds paid,	3,100.00
" " accrued interest on bonds paid, cou- pons not due,	63.31
" " coupons paid at maturity,	1,032.00
" " endorsement and interest paid on note of Mary Mann,	52.00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,231.60

STATE TAX.

J. C. Campbell, for state tax paid,	\$2,136.00
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COUNTY TAX.

J. C. Campbell, for county tax paid,	\$1,210.58
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BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

District No.	1, Hiram Brown,	\$10 27
	3, L. W. Morse,	8.75
	4, G. W. Mills,	5.38
	5, Alonzo Tuttle,	7.20
	6, Thomas A. B. Young,	10.35
	7, Charles B. Crooker,	7.34
	8, Hiram McColley,	9.90
	9, Mark McClintock,	3.80
	10, S. C. Dowlin,	4.12
	11, C. A. Blanchard,	43.84
	12, D. M. Ray,	46.42
	13, C. H. Chase,	40.94
	14, O. B. Huntley,	25.06
	16, D. P. Jones,	54.77
	17, R. G. Carr,	55.46
	18, Daniel Smith,	14.25
	19, C. W. Robbins,	19.82
	20, Nathaniel Wood,	16.98
	21, John L. Shedd,	31.79
	22, Henry Andrews,	12.65
	23, H. S. Kimball,	28.48
	24, Othni Crosby,	10.35
	25, George H. Clark,	10.20
	26, Edward N. Jones,	8.71
	27, S. E. Clement,	5.70
	28, Luke Merrill,	2.10
	29, Alden Newman,	17.10
	30, Jonathan Ray,	18.42
	31, R. D. Warde,	20.40
	32, Thomas J. Murdough,	40.55
	34, Alden P. Farrar,	25.57
	35, Francis B. Abbott,	27.22
	36, Asa K. Spaulding,	23.47
	37, W. E. Farley,	8.40

Total,

\$675.75

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1,	Ephraim Dutton,	\$606.88
2,	Hiram Brown,	83.53
3,	William Merrill,	90.17
4,	Erickson Burnbam,	115.67
5,	John L. Shedd,	91.48
6,	Giles E. Brown,	159.05
8,	Edgar Hazen,	78.68
9,	H. A. P. Lewis,	87.19
10,	John M. Curtis,	104.99
11,	S. C. Gammell,	92.00
12,	C. W. Sturtevant,	82.73
13,	Jonathan Ray,	76.36
14,	J. W. Gould,	67.75
15,	Nathan E. Farrar,	81.96
16,	D. F. Murdough,	73.55
17,	John Harriman,	121.11
18,	A. C. Kimball,	96.10
19,	S. C. Dowlin,	37.69

Total, \$2146.93

POOR ORDERS.

Henry J. Clark, for cash paid transient pauper bills,	\$12.50
D. Butterfield Jr., boarding tramps,	6.00
W. L. Smith, labor on poor farm,	135.00
Sarah Kimball, support of C. Rice,	52.00
D. F. Murdough, oxen for poor farm,	100.00
D. P. Jones, support of Mrs. H. D. Bonner,	32. 50
Daniel Smith, services as agent on poor farm,	325.00
C. Cooledge, services as overseer of the poor, and expenses,	15.25

Total, \$678.25

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND GOODS AT POOR FARM
FEB. 16, 1877.

6 oxen,	\$350.00
6 cows,	240.00
4 three years old,	140.00

6 two years old,	125.00
5 yearlings,	65.00
2 shoats,	32.00
22 Hens,	11.00
17 tons English hay,	306.00
13 " Meadow hay,	130.00
1 ton straw,	10.00
52 bushels corn,	52.00
10 " oats,	6.00
5 1-2 " beans,	15.00
3 " corn meal,	3.00
1 " rye meal,	1.00
75 " potatoes,	56.00
2 " turnips,	1.00
6 " beets,	4.00
2 " salt,	.90
25 " ashes,	5.00
200 lbs. hams and shoulders,	24.00
500 " shorts,	5.00
400 " pork,	50.00
200 " beef,	16.00
100 " fresh meat,	10.00
50 " sausage,	7.00
70 " lard,	11.00
14 " fish,	.90
37 " butter,	9.25
50 " tallow,	4.00
25 " pie meat,	3.75
50 " dried apple,	4.00
10 " sugar,	1.10
2 1-2 " tea,	.94
43 " candles,	6.00
30 " soap grease,	1.20
8 " rags,	.24
1 gal. molasses,	.65
8 " boiled cider,	4.00
10 " pickles,	5.00
12 " apple sauce,	6.00

3	bbls. apples,	3.00
5	" cider,	12.50
2 1-2	" vinegar,	15 00
3	" soap,	12.00
1 1-4	" flour,	10.62
Lot hops		1.50
	" spices,	1.00
	" lumber,	3.50
	" neats foot oil,	.75
8	butter tubs,	4.00
1 m.	shingles,	3.00
6	prs. socks,	4.00
4	balls wicking,	.24
15	yds. sheeting,	1.50
10	" print,	.80
2	lbs. tobacco,	1.20
8	doz. eggs,	2 00

Total,	<u>\$1,799.54</u>
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CASH ACCOUNT OF DANIEL SMITH, AGENT AT THE POOR FARM.

For the year ending March 1, 1877.

Received on account of the farm—

For 6 beef cattle sold,	\$325.00
lot meadow "	4.90
483 lbs. butter,	119.54
17 bushels oats,	11.05
eggs,	14.82
tallow,	3.46
8 bushels potatoes,	2.40
lard,	8.55
veal,	3.88
97 lbs. beef,	7.76
106 lbs. hide,	5.30
1 calf skin,	.90
2 prs. socks,	1.50
1 grind stone,	3.00
squashes,	1.55

For lot grease,	.42
income from Pope place,	28.00
board of Lydia Wilson,	10.00
“ “ Mary Mann,	52.00
“ “ County paupers to Jan. 2d, 1877,	130.00
Total,	<hr/> \$734.03

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF THE FARM.

For 2 pigs,	\$8.00
1 cow,	28.00
1 bull,	12.25
1 ton shorts,	23.00
6 bushels rye,	6.75
shoemaking,	2.25
1 axe handle,	.20
fish,	2.42
20 butter tubs,	8.00
1 fry pan,	.45
1 tin pail,	.65
1 sled,	1.50
door truck,	.20
stove back and fixtures,	1.57
plow point and moulboard,	3.50
stove lining,	1.05
lumber, nails &c.,	2.17
grinding grain,	2.49
7 bags meal,	10.05
making cider,	4.44
tin ware,	3.25
fresh beef,	4.75
shoeing horse,	1.00
pasturing cattle,	16.50
bolts,	.27
2 bushels apples,	.75
sage,	.30
making pants,	1.00
L. Davis' bill,	8.50
H. J. Gage's bill,	14.44

For fixing saws,	2.50
D. G. Barker's bill,	5.00
N. Davis' "	7.00
E. T. Danforth's "	14.25
H. De Shon, for haying,	36.00
George Chaney, "	18.00
A. J. Putney, "	23.25
G. F. Saltmarsh's bill,	7.75
J. S. Butler's "	49.74
A. J. Putney's "	18.50
Dutton & Morse's "	103.91

 \$456.96

Cash paid selectmen to balance,	277.07
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Total,	\$734.03
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GENERAL STATEMENT OF POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

The poor farm,	DR.	
To amount of inventory last year,	\$1,976.55	
services of agent to March 27, 1877,	325.00	
order paid to Wm. L. Smith,	135.00	
" " " D. F. Murdough,	100.00	
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		\$2,536.55

The poor farm,	CR.	
By amount of inventory this year,	\$1,799.54	
" paid selectmen by agent,	277.07	
labor of agent on highways,	28.20	
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		\$2,104.81

Balance,	\$431.74
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

March 1, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

One note due Hannah Batchelder,	\$30.00
One note due Mary Mann,	54.46

Town bonds outstanding,	15,800.00
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\$15,884.46

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$2,335.01
Taxes of 1875 uncollected,	202.40
Taxes of 1876 “	1,106.65
	<hr/> \$3,644.06

Total indebtedness of the town,	\$12,240.40
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Indebtedness in 1876,	\$15,464.63
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Decrease of debt,	\$3,224.23
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Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS COOLEGE,

HENRY J. CLARK,

JOHN P. GIBSON,

}	Selectmen
	of
	Hillsborough.

Hillsborough, March 1, 1877.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer's account with the town of Hillsborough is as follows :

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1876,	\$2,384.80
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Received of selectmen from poor farm,	277.07
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highway Dist. No. 13,	1.43
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highway Dist. No. 33,	1.50
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literary fund,	139.50
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savings bank tax,	1,131.30
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railroad tax,	52.67
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W. B. Whittemore, collector,

taxes of 1875,	378.60
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taxes of 1876,	10,412.69
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interest on taxes,	22.56
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for bonds sold, and interest,	612.00
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Total,	<hr/> 15,414.12
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There has been drawn from the treasury by orders from selectmen, as follows:

For school orders,	\$2,146.93
poor, “	678.25
breaking road orders,	675.75
miscellaneous orders,	6,231.60
state tax orders,	2,136.00
county tax orders,	1,210.58

Total,	13,079.11
Leaving in my hands March 1st, 1877,	\$2,335.01

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Hillsborough, March 1st, 1877.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Chosen by the legal voters of the town of Hillsborough to audit and report the accounts of said town, for the year ending March 1, 1877, and having attended to that duty, beg leave to submit the following:

Balance as reported by the previous board of auditors, in the treasury, March 1, 1876,	\$2,384.80
Received into treasury of the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as literary fund,	139.50
Received of the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as saving bank tax,	1,131.30
the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as railroad tax,	52.67
the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as balance from poor farm,	277.07
the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as highway tax in District No. 13,	1.43
the selectmen of Hillsborough, cash as highway tax in District No. 33,	1.50

Received of William B. Whittemore, collector, cash as	
interest on taxes,	22.56
William B. Whittemore, collector, cash as	
tax of 1875,	378.60
William B. Whittemore, collector, cash as	
tax of 1876,	10,412.69
cash from the sale of bonds,	612.00

\$15,414.12

Which has been accounted for by orders of the selectmen as follows :

Amount of school orders,	\$2,146.93
poor orders,	678.25
breaking road orders,	675.75
miscellaneous orders,	6,231.60
state tax,	2,136.00
county tax,	1,210.58

\$13,079.11

Total receipts, \$15,414.12

“ town orders, 13,079.11

Leaving in the treasury, March 1, 1877, \$2,335.01

Respectfully submitted by
 LUKE McCLINTOCK,
 GEORGE BROCKWAY, } Auditors.
 WILLIAM H. MANAHAN, }

Hillsborough, N. H., March 1, 1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Grammar department, summer term, taught by Mrs. Nettie H. Carey, of Hillsborough Bridge. This school was a decided success. Mrs. C. is a most excellent instructor, and her services were of very great value to the district.

Primary department, summer term, taught by Miss Ellen J. Brickett, of Hillsborough Bridge. This school is composed of small scholars, has the largest attendance of any school in town, and requires tact, patience and industry. Miss B. seemed to possess these qualities and the results of her efforts were satisfactory.

Grammar department, winter term, taught by Mr. Harry L. Brickett, of Hillsborough Bridge. This was a model school. Mr. B. is a fine scholar and an able instructor. The examination showed that great progress had been made; and in this connection let me say to the scholars of this district, that they have conducted themselves during the school year of 1876 in a manner deserving the highest praise.

Primary department, winter term, taught by Miss Mary E. Dodge, of Concord. Discipline very good, instruction thorough and the examination satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term, taught by Miss Nellie S. Cate, of Northfield. This was Miss Cate's first term, nevertheless she did very fairly, and with experience will make a good teacher.

Winter term, taught by Miss Flora M. Brown, of Hillsborough Bridge. Miss Brown did well for the school. Had she been a little more energetic, more would have been accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary W. Cooledge, of Hillsborough. A professional engagement prevented your committee from attending the examination. At the commencement of the term a visit was made, and the school appeared to be doing well. A little more life and zest would render Miss C. a fine instructor.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Alden P. Farrar, of Hillsborough. Mr. F. is a teacher of considerable experience and excellent judgment. He labored faithfully to promote the interests of the scholars, and his efforts were crowned with success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term, taught by Miss Fannie G. French, of Hillsborough. Miss F. is a good scholar and an average disciplinarian. The examination was quite satisfactory and indicated that a very good work had been done. Perhaps more would have been accomplished had the teacher been a little more active.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term. This was a small school faithfully taught by Miss Mary G. Comstock, of Francestown. Good improvement was made, and the examination was very creditable to teacher and scholars.

Fall and winter term, taught by Miss Clara A. Howard, of Hillsborough. The teacher was very industrious, and the school did well during these terms. If Miss Howard's manner of instruction was a little more energetic, her services as an instructor would be of more value to the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, taught by Miss Eva A. Gilman, of Goshen. This was one of the best schools in town. Government firm, yet very kindly administered; instruction thorough, concise and to the point. The examination was an honor to teacher and pupils.

Winter term, taught by Miss Minerva M. Patten, of Heniker. Great credit is due to the teacher and scholars of this school. They *all* worked from the beginning to the close of

the term, with a will and earnestness rarely seen, and the results were all that could be desired. If you want a thorough, efficient, progressive instructor; one who spares no pains in her efforts to advance her pupils, secure the services of Miss Pat-ten.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

No school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school was taught by Miss Mary Hazen, of this town. Miss Hazen is a good teacher, and the district did well in securing her services for the year.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term, taught by Miss Lizzie Russell of Windsor. This was Miss Russell's first school, but her methods of teaching were superior to many of those practiced by much older teachers; therefore the school made great improvement this term.

Winter term, taught by Herbert P. Proctor of East Washington. Another new beginner. The school appeared well examination day, each pupil answering with a correctness and promptness that deserves commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer term, taught by Miss Jennie Carr of East Washington. This teacher gained the approbation of both pupils and parents, and a good degree of improvement was made.

B.

Winter term, taught by Mr. J. W. Newman of Hillsborough Bridge. Although this was his first term, it was a very successful one, and gave very general satisfaction. But very few young teachers carry the attainment into the school room that Mr. Newman did, and all must have been pleased with his thorough and concise style of teaching. The examination was highly creditable to him and his pupils, both as to order and improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary E. Dodge, of Concord. Your committee visited the school at the commencement of

the term, but was unable to be present at the close. At the time the visit was made everything indicated a very profitable term, and, doubtless, it was such.

Winter term, taught by Miss Hattie Dutton, of Boston. For a first effort, on the part of teacher, this was an unusually successful term. The pupils *governed themselves*, and the teacher was able, as a consequence, to devote herself entirely to their *instruction*. It would be needless to say, under such circumstances, that the school made rapid progress.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term, was commenced by Miss Mary E. Hazen, of Hillsborough, and finished by Miss Hattie A. Wilson, of Francestown. Considering that the term was only five weeks in length, and divided at that, between two teachers, but very little could be expected. All that could be hoped for under the circumstances, was probably realized.

Winter term, taught by Miss Cora Dow, of Deering. This was her first term, and a difficult school for a young teacher to manage ; but she was successful in controlling it, and the scholars showed that they were thoroughly taught. B.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer term, taught by Miss Clara Hackett, of Hillsborough Bridge. This teacher made her first attempt in teaching here. The school was very small, and appearances at the final examination indicated a profitable term. B.

Winter term, taught by James M. Ray, of Hillsborough. Both teacher and pupils worked well, and the progress made was satisfactory. B.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Winter term of this school, was taught by Miss Anna E. Burnham, of Nashua. This was a good school. Miss Burnham was very industrious and thoroughly interested in the interest of her pupils. The efforts made by teacher and pupils must have met the approbation of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Winter term, taught by Miss Mary Gay, of Hillsborough. This school was made up of two scholars ; one a Miss of nine,

the the other a lad of fifteen years. Miss Gay kept them constantly and usefully employed, and succeeded in sustaining an interest till the very close of the term. To say that Effie and Edson did not make fine progress, would be doing them great injustice.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Both terms, taught by Katie Crane, of East Washington. She is a good teacher, and the scholars did well.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer term, taught by Miss Emma B. Foss, of Hillsborough. Miss Foss is a good scholar and a very active instructor, and although the committee was unable to be present at the examination, he is confident that the term was a profitable one.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Mark M. Hadley, of Hillsborough. Mr Hadley is an instructor of experience, and marked ability, and his presence in the school room is always a sufficient guarantee of perfect order and thorough progress. The scholars of this school earnestly cooperated with their excellent teacher, and it is unnecessary to say, in view of the above facts, that the term was a complete success.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary G. Dutton, of Hillsborough, a dignified and active little lady of some 13 years. Two little girls, Susie and Clara, aged respectively 9 and 7 years, were the only scholars attending this term. Your committee made the usual visits, and is pleased to say that three mice in a cheese never attended to business more strictly, nor to better purpose, than did this little trio.

Winter term, Miss Mary E. Andrews, of Hillsborough, teacher. In this district the number of scholars, and school facilities have been for some years quite limited; but by industry and perseverance on the part of scholars and teacher, the progress made in the different studies this term, was quite marked. By kindness, and an honest desire to promote their best interests, Miss Andrews gained the confidence and cooperation of her scholars to an extent calculated to ensure good discipline, and very satisfactory advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

Winter term, taught by Miss Laura A. Gilmore of Hillsborough. A portion of this district lies in Antrim, which portion furnished most of the scholars—there being but one in attendance from Hillsborough. Miss Gilmore is a thorough and critical teacher ; does her work with nicety and precision, and with the willing assistance of her pupils, made the term a fine success.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In Submitting the accompanying report, we wish to say, as an act of justice to the scholars and teachers of school year, 1876, and as a proper recognition of the services of those who have officially preceeded us, and for the encouragement of the parents and others interested, that we have never known the time when the condition of the schools was so hopeful, the standard of scholarship so high, and our system of rudimental education promising so much as at the present. This happy and gratifying result has, in our opinion, been brought about mainly by the general employment of first class instructors. Other things, such as suitable school rooms, an abundant supply of text books, constant and seasonable attendance of the pupils, the earnest and cordial support of the teacher by the parents, in all proper measures of government and instruction, are very necessary, but without *efficient* instructors our schools are a failure.

Respectfully,

FRANK J. BICKFORD,

BROOKS K. WEBBER,

S. S. Committee.

Hillsborough, N. H., March 1, 1877.

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